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## *Partial India Radio*

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# DiaLogs

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## Format of a log entry:

Date Heard / Time Heard (in UTC) / Frequency (in kHz) / Mode / Details of Transmission

## Modes:

A = AM F = FM L = Lower Sideband U = Upper Sideband

## Reporting a signal's quality:

The simplest way of doing this is to judge the signal as being "Poor", "Fair" or "Good" and reporting it as such.

If you're one of them highfalutin' types with radios that are smarter'n your dawg, you probably use the SIO system

S = Signal (strength)

I = Interference

O = Overall (quality)

- S, I and O are all rated between 0 and 5, 0 being worst, 5 being best. (As I recall, there were written tables for these values but I haven't seen one in a very long time. If you have the details somewhere, send 'em along to me!)

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## LATE LOGS

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## THE CRYSTAL SHIP

- 04/18/05, 0136-0145+, 6854A. (CL-MA 232)

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## FROM ACROSS THE POND

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## Mystery Radio ()

- 05/14/05, 2345-0005+, 6220A - mx - Pop. Canned "Mystery Radio" IDs by a female announcer. (CL-MA 232)

## Radio Free London ()

- 04/30/05, 2309-2345+, 6275A - mx - instrumental theme music from the TV show "The Avengers", electronic IDs. (CL-MA 232)

## Radio Malaysia ()

- 05/01/05, 2307-2329\*, 6310A - mx - Europop. ID by OM ancr in EE. Started off good but signal went into the mud pretty fast. (CL-MA 232)

## Radio Scotland International ()

- 04/23/05, 2234-2250+, 6257A - mx - Rock. Frequent station IDs, mentioning this was a test to North America. Pretty decent signal for a Euro. (CL-MA 333)

## Radio Spaceman ()

- 04/30/05, 2330-0053\*, 3927A. OM chatting in Dutch, full ID/maildrop info in EE prior to sign off. Mentions of Germany's Dr. Tim. US ARQ QRM at times. (CL-MA 232)

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## NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

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## Captain Morgan ()

- 05/4/05, 0120, 6925A. (BL-VT Fair)
- 05/9/05, 0125, 6925A. Greetings to Grasscutter. (WS-TN Fair)

## Derby Shortwave Radio (derbyshortwave@yahoo.com)

- 05/8/05, 0106-0119, 6875U. A rebroadcast of the Kentucky Derby. Song "My Old Kentucky Home". (WS-TN Good)(WH-IL Good)
- 5/8/05, 0153-0206\*, 6925U - Talk about the Kentucky Derby, ID and e mail for QSL, "My Old Kentucky Home", 131st Kentucky Derby being called, different version of "Kentucky Home", 2nd call of 131<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Derby, ID, [derbyshortwave@yahoo.com](mailto:derbyshortwave@yahoo.com) e mail, off. (MT-WI 233)(GZ-OH 242)
- 05/08/05, \*0254-0309\*, \*0333-0347\*, 6925U - New stn w/a sports format. On w/the "call to post" bugle call from a horse race. Discussed today's Kentucky Derby. Then, replayed the announcer's call of the actual horse race, won in a surprise by a long shot Guacamo or some similar spelling of that horse's name. This was the 131st running of the Kentucky Derby. Also a couple of banjo vocals of an OM singing "My Old Kentucky Home." Gave [derbyshortwave@yahoo.com](mailto:derbyshortwave@yahoo.com) e-mail for repts. All three times listed were repeats of the same prgm on the same evening. (GZ-OH 242)

## Government Mule Radio (FRN)

- 04/20/05, 0056-0106, 6900U - mx - all tunes by the band "Government Mule." (WS-TN Poor)

## Grasscutter Radio/Sunshine Radio (grasscutterrado@yahoo.com)

- 04/23/05, \*2230-2338\*, 6925U - mx - Rock. Usual young boy ancr giving the ID's. The rock included "California Sun," "If You Want to Be Happy," some Zeppelin, etc. There appeared to be a break at 2315. After 2315 the bcst was ID'ed as a joint broadcast of Sunshine Radio and Grasscutter Radio. The Grasscutter guy was apparently providing the xmtr for the joint bcst. Other than the anmts about the joint bcst, the second half of this xmsn was rock mx just like the first half. (GZ-OH 242)
- 05/08/05, \*2004-2014\*, \*2040-2052+, 6925U - Prgm of soft rock mx, with occasional ID's by a young boy. Gave [grasscutterrado@yahoo.com](mailto:grasscutterrado@yahoo.com) e-mail for repts. (GZ-OH 242)
- 05/09/05, \*0028-0118\*, 6925U - mx - Tears for Fears, Beatles. Announced as a joint Mothers' Day broadcast of the two stations, multiple ID's by an OM for Grasscutter and a young boy for Sunshine. They said if George Zeller was listening, he should pay close attention as the Sunshine Radio guy carefully and clearly pronounced the name of the station. Said that reports should go to [grasscutterrado@yahoo.com](mailto:grasscutterrado@yahoo.com) and that a hotmail.com address that they previously used at times no longer is in working order. Xmtr howls at QRT. (GZ-OH 242)(MT-WI 122)

## Ground Zero Radio (Elkhorn)

- 04/25/05, \*0122-0030\*, 6926A - mx - Rock. Claimed to be coming from an ICBM silo. Said to be a test of a new antenna that was just put up today. Elkhorn addr. (GZ-OH 242)

## KAMP (via WHYP)(Blue Ridge Summit)

- 05/1/05, 2240-2259, 6925A - mx - Rock. Halloween Show (Return of the Living Dead soundtrack), Blue Ridge Summit address given. WHYP ID by JB at close, saying this was a relay and that they'd relay anything for \$\$, case in point, KAMP! (CL-MA 232) (WS-TN Good)(BL-VT Good)

## Partial India Radio (Providence)

- 05/8/05, 0134+, 6875A - "Indian" music, ID and "Calcutta, not Providence, Rhode Island" maildrop address. (MT-WI 333)

## Radio Copycat ()

- 04/24/05, 2246-2252\*, 6925U - mx - Rock. Some of the titles were the same ones used by Sunshine R. earlier, including "If You Want to Be Happy." Also played "Don't Fear

the Reaper." The stn name apparently referred to the programming format of playing the same songs that other pirates recently played. Gave no addr. (GZ-OH 242)

#### Radio First Termer (None)

- 04/26/05, 0158-0301\*, 6925U - A replay of this Vietnam era FM pirate. Mx from the Who's rock opera "Tommy", news, jokes from the 1969-1970 era. (CL-MA 343)

#### Radio Free Euphoria (via WHYP)(Belfast)

- 04/23/05, \*2158-2229\*, 6925U - Captain Ganja w/ Gregorian Chants at open. Rock mx incl "Up in Smoke." Marijuana Helper sketch. Parody ad for a CD featuring the Maharishi Ali Ganja himself singing rock songs, available (not really) from a PO Box in Olean, NY. Marijuana chants and similar pgmng. Anecd no addr, but I believe that they use Belfast. (GZ-OH 242)
- 05/15/05, 0133-0225\*, 6925A - mx - "Copperhead Road" song, "Hashpipe", "Hotel JTA" parody song. Good ole Captain Ganja at his best. Ad for Maharishi Cigarettes. WHYP ID by JB just before shut down (WS-TN Poor) (CL-MA 444)(MT-WI 222)

#### Take It Easy Radio (Merlin/takeiteasyradio@yahoo.com)

- 04/24/05, 0154-0230+, 6925U - mx - Rock, Metal. Xmas tune, distorted at times. Desperado playing music, good wishes to listeners and shout out to some. QSL via box 293, Merlin Ont Can NOP 1W0. (WH-IL Good)(MT-WI 133)
- 04/25/05, 0222-0301\*, 6925U - Usual prgm of rock mx by the Eagles and other groups. Gave takeiteasyradio@yahoo.com e-mail addr for reports, and also ancd Merlin. (GZ-OH 242)

#### The Crystal Ship (Belfast/tcsshortwave@yahoo.com)

- 04/29/05, 0155-0351\*, 6854A/4071A - mx - Hendrix, Dylan. The Poet, running two transmitters; the Valiant on 6854 and a Knight on 4071. IDs. 6854 kHz went off before 0300. (CL-MA 232/121)(BL-VT Good)
- 05/02/05, 0208-0247, 6854A - mx - "Spill The Wine" by Eric Burdon & War. OM talk about Bush and "The Big Lie". Covered by WYFR open carrier at 0247. (CL-MA 333)
- 05/03/05, 0100-0120, 6855A - Great signal, mx and bits. Last thing "this has become a very bad habit!" (BL-VT Good)
- 05/8/05, 0030-0118, 6955A - mx - Rock. Political talk, mention of civil war. Muffled audio. (WS-TN Fair)(MT-WI 133)(WH-IL Good)

#### The Voice Of Laryngitis ()

- 04/23/05, 0252-0258, 6925A - Barking Seals, "The Case Of The 1000 Mile Cordless Phone".
- 04/30/05, 0250-0212+, 6925A - This was a strange mix of old Laryngitis sketches and a few new touches. Farty the Seal, their regular IS, sang "Smoke on the Water" in his seal voice. There were parts of the Pirate Busters episode with J. Eager Heaver, mixed in with an ad for their regular sponsor Friendly Freddie's Budget Burials, where death is cheap. Some rock mx. Carrier still there when I lost the audio at 0212. No addr ancd. (GZ-OH 242)

#### The Voice of NOAA ()

- 04/24/05, 2217-2228\*, 6925U - Apparently new stn. Prgmng mainly a relay of NOAA weather radio for New Jersey and for Kansas City. Claimed to be the official shortwave voice of NOAA Weather Radio. At close editorialized that the Iraqi civilization was useless, and that it should be blown off the face of the earth. Gave no addr, but asked people to post logs "in the usual locations." (GZ-OH 242)
- 04/27/05, 0032-0035+, 6925U - Rebroadcast of the NOAA weather for the Washington, DC area. (Pse QSL CL-MA Fair)
- 05/01/05, 0022-0033, 6925U - Song: "It's Raining Men". "Don't be fooled by cheap imitations". ID as "This is the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. The Voice of NOAA. Broadcasting randomly in the shortwave band." NOAA weather followed by comment "it must be the government controlling the weather" then off the air. (WS-TN Good)(MT-WI 122)(WH-IL Good)

#### Undercover Radio (Merlin/undercoverradio@mail.com)

- 04/24/05, 0005-0025\*, 6925U - Dr. Benway broadcasting from "the middle of nowhere." Announced as sideband xmtr test. Program of rock mx. Gave usual [undercoverradio@mail.com](mailto:undercoverradio@mail.com) e-mail addr and also ancd Merlin (GZ-OH 242)
- 05/07/05, 0313-0340+, 6925U - Program of a drama discussion featuring Dr. Benway, with William Burroughs also mentioned. Some instr mx. Lost it around 0340, but the best probably continued past then. Gave usual addr of [undercoverradio@mail.com](mailto:undercoverradio@mail.com) for repts. (GZ-OH 242)

#### WHGW (FRN/whgw6925@myway.com)

- 04/30/05, 0125-0145, 6925U - Tinny audio, CBS Mystery Theater from 1970's with host E.G. Marshall complete with Allstate Insurance ad, followed by spooky Pop mx, QSL via [whgw6925@myway.com](mailto:whgw6925@myway.com) or FRN. (WH-IL Fair)(MT-WI 132)
- 04/30/05, 0153-0144\*, 6925U - First part of prgm was an old Radio Mystery Theater show with host E. G. Marshall. The mystery involved time travel by a professor, and the fact that his time machine kept missing the exact year where he wanted to go. At the end of that segment there was an ID for WSAO in San Antonio, after an ad for Allstate insurance. Rock mx followed the old time radio drama with some WHGW ID's. (GZ-OH 242)
- 05/01/05, 2150-2212\*, 6925U - CBS' Radio Theater Sci-Fi drama, followed by instrumental mx and IDs. (WS-TN Poor)(GZ-OH 242)

#### WHYP (Belfast)

- 04/24/05, 0036, 6875A - Test. (WS-TN Fair)
- 04/26/05, 2306-0005+, 6925A - Jay "Bozo" audio clips from WBCQ, Cameo IDs by the Partial India Radio Staff, PA weather reports by the original James Brownyard. (CL-MA 333)
- 04/29/05, 2336-0032, 6875A - mx - Pink Floyd. Maharishi charms ad and others. (BL-VT Fair)
- 05/02/05, 2225-2310, 6925A - Colonel Steve Anderson clips, JB croquet tournament, "Billie Jean". (BL-VT Good)
- 05/02/05, 2308-2309\*, 6925A - Just caught end of show with JB singing "Band On The Run", then sign off. (CL-MA Fair)
- 05/8/05, 0028 0110+, 6875A - Music and talk. ID at 0037 readable but, very poor overall. (MT-WI Poor)
- 05/15/05, 0207-0226\*, 6925U - An odd prgm, which was hard to copy in bad local static. Some rock. Marijuana mentioned twice at 0221. Several normal WHYP sound clips, incl Moe Howard not knowing what he was doing, remarks about fookin slob, etc. Two clear WHYP ID's at QRT. (GZ-OH 242)

#### WNKR (relay())

- 04/24/05, 2340-2342, 6925A - "Me and You and a Dog Named Boo" song, (WS-TN Poor)

### TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

#### LASER HOT HITS?

- 04/23/05, 2240-2300+, 6210A - Oldie "Ball Of Confusion" by The Temptations, talk by British accented DJs. No ID noted. (CL-MA 232)

#### UNID

- 04/24/05, 0055-0103, 6950L - SS talk. Did not appear to be tuna boat QSOs. Radio Cochiguaz was supposed to be on this frequency and time but this was strictly a talk format and I doubt they would sound like this. (WS-TN Poor)
- 05/1/05, 2338-2342, 6955U - Old Maxwell House coffee, Schlitz beer ads. (WS-TN Fair)
- 05/06/05, 0100, 6925A - mx - "Went Get Fooled Again", Twilight Zone theme, slow freq updrift and freq varied in step with modulation but station best in AM, not FM. (WH-IL Poor)



- 05/14/05, 0608-0637, 6925U - Rebroadcast of Fiesta Bowl football game between University of Tennessee and Florida State for 1998 National Championship, John Ward doing play by play. (WS-TN Fair)

#### Weather Radio?

- 04/23/05, 0220-0226, 6925A - Weather report interrupted by music mid thunder storm line prediction 0223. (MT-WI, 222)

#### WMPR?

- 04/30/05, 0155, 6955A - Sounded like mx from movie "Koyaniscatsi" followed by dance mx, heavy modulation, flutter beginning around 0210. No station id. (WH-IL Fair)

## MAIL DROPS

*These are the relevant – for this month – addresses to which you should send your reports as appropriate (along with at least three first class stamps to handle mailing costs) if you're doing things by snail mail or if the station doesn't use email.*

*Don't forget that foreign drops need IRCs or dollar bills instead of US postage stamps.*

*Semi-foreign drops (read: Canadians) need cash or IRCs but might accept cowry shells, beads or small hand mirrors. Poutine is an accepted medium of exchange only within the province of Quebec.*

*Of course, if you really want to cover all the bases – get with it and spend the vast sum of \$49 bucks (after rebate) for a Web TV box – as time goes by, more and more of the QSL business is being transacted via email.*

Belfast: Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711

Blue Ridge Summit: Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214

Elkhorn: P.O. Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022

Merlin: Box 293, Merlin, Ontario N0P 1W0, CANADA

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## TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

June 1985 ACE was 24 pages with a Voice of Laryngitis QSL on the cover. DiaLogs was 6 pages containing 2 NAM MW, 24 NAM SW, 8 clandestines, and 7 unIDs from 25 reporters.

June 1995 ACE was also 24 pages with a Radio Titanic Int'l QSL on the cover. DiaLogs was 4 pages including 14 NAM SW, 2 Euro SW, and 7 unIDs from at least seven contributors.

## RAMBLINGS

There were six contributors this time around. Thanks, guys!

Thinking about contributors, it looks as if we're slowly losing the input from the readers despite my efforts to provide an informative and readable column. Back when I started editing the column over five years ago we regularly got 9 to 12 contributors. I wonder how much longer it'll be worthwhile to write this column – after all, if nobody can be bothered to provide loggings (except for that small, loyal, group of regular contributors) why should I be bothered to spend quite a few hours of my very limited leisure time each month doing it?

If you're an ACE member who doesn't want to have to use online sources of information for the hobby *and* you haven't bothered to send in loggings before, now might be a real good time to do so – before the column goes away due to lack of input – which is likely to be sooner rather than later.

No loggings from me this month – I find myself having to work 60 hour weeks from 2200 thru 1000 five days a week due to the household having lost one of its two incomes. Add in the best part of two hours each day commuting and that leaves very little time for actually enjoying being alive. Or listening to the radio.

I'm slowly getting the radio room together. Not easy though with so little time all of a sudden. Okay, that's it for this month – Krusty'll be complaining if I don't get this off to him.

## PROPAGATION

#### What it be:

Okay, just like the sea, radio waves below a certain frequency display tide-like behavior that is dependent upon the time of day at your location and at the target location. (*Arrr, me hearties – 'tis a most appropriate metaphor!*) Listen for a given area at one time and you'll hear nothing. Listen, say, twelve hours later and you'll hear find you're looking for. That's a real simple description of a very complex subject.

The tables below can be looked upon as being like tide charts for a certain part of the world and a certain frequency. The higher the "tide" displayed, the better the radio path between the two points on the chart at that time on that frequency.

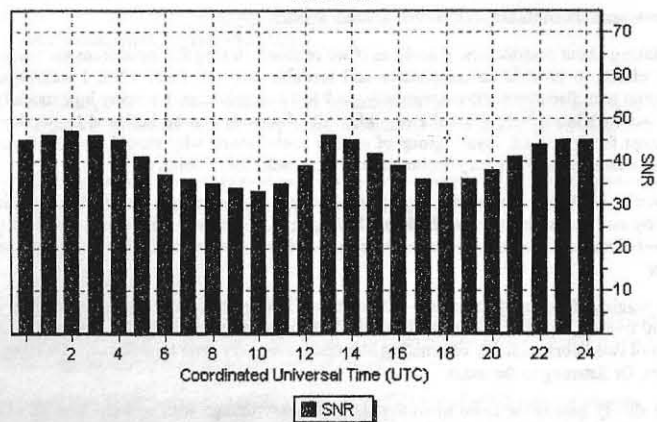
To try to provide useful propagation for the ACE readership I cover the most common Pirate frequencies month by month and I produce tables that roughly divide the USA into eastern, central and western sections and the propagation paths between them.

If you live, say, in Boston and want to try to listen for KMUD out in the western part of the country, you would check the table that says "Philadelphia, PA to Los Angeles, CA". This chart shows the radio "tides" between the two points that approximate where you are and where KMUD might be. Now look at the height of the bars – between 0200 and 0900 (that's UTC) looks to offer the best east-west listening path for you. Likewise, 1600-2100 might not be the best time to listen.

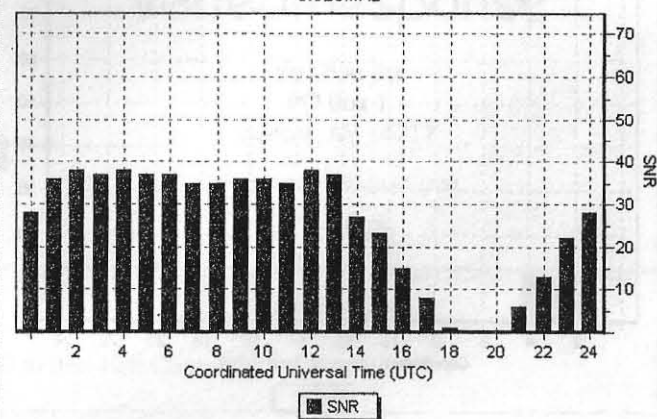
*Caveat: These charts are rough guides only – radio propagation is even stranger than a Republican Senator who believes that poor folk need a break more than the obscenely wealthy do – you sometimes hear the darnedest things come out of nowhere when you least expect it. Use them as a guide but don't let it stop you listening for a target when it says propagation is at its poorest – just use them as indicators of "best chances"!*

If you want to do more serious reading about propagation the book "The New Shortwave Propagation Handbook" is a pretty good read on the subject and even us po' folks who can't afford RX-340s can understand it!

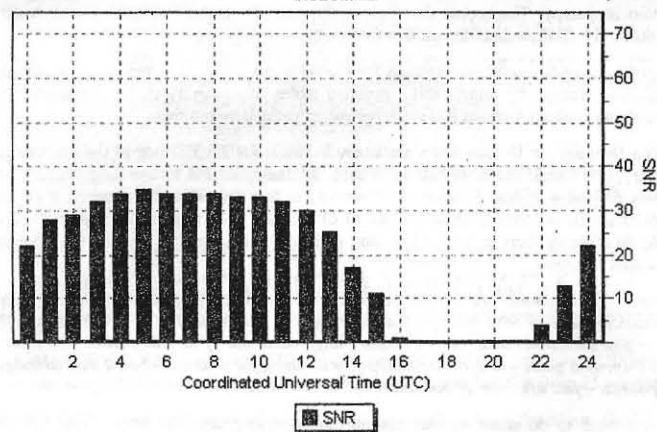
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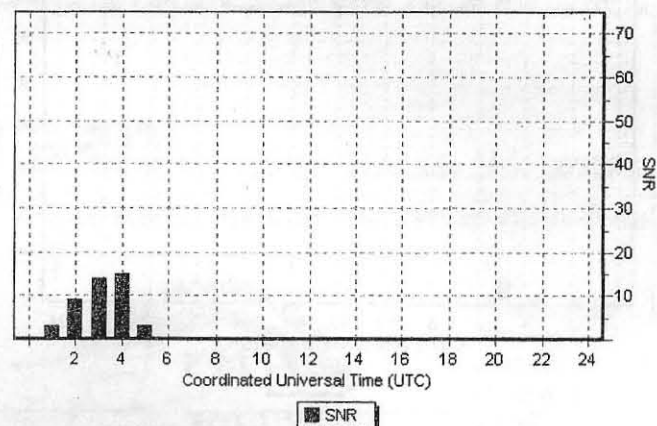
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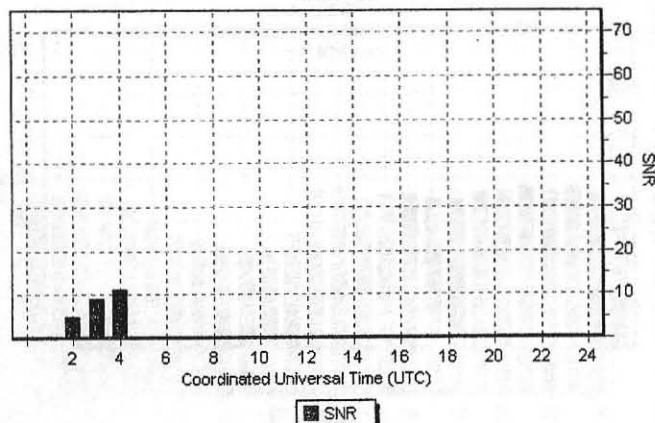
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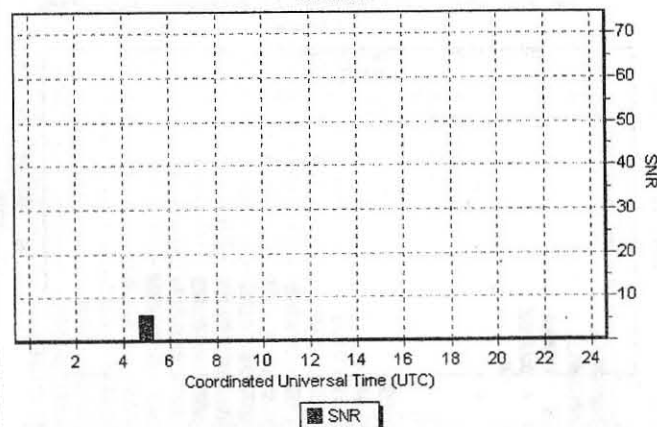
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ADD to Box 109: Channel Z...

under the door...  
the QSL report

Chris Lobdell snagged a card (#21) from Channel Z in two weeks.

Woody Smith reports an eQSL from Government Mule Radio in less than one day, a full data card from Radio Scotland International (which broadcasts from the Netherlands – go figure!) in about three weeks, and two QSLs from Random Radio.

'zit fer this month. Let's see **your** report here next month! 73 es gud DX, jta.

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